Mobile radio system in metro cities

7479. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce mobile radio system in Delhi and other metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, what is the progress on the implementation of this scheme, and

(c) how may licences have been issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 8 Companies, 2 for each metro city of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras have been provisionally selected. Some of the Companies have gone to the court of law. The matter is at present sub-judice in the Supreme Court.

(c) None.

Implementation of the Athreya Committee Report

7480. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government h^ entered into many agreements with the workers unions in which the Minister had promised implementation of the Athreya Committee report;

(b) if so what steps are being taken for implementation of its recommendations; and

(c) whether the new Telecom policy announced by Government is in confor mity with the recommendations of the Athreya Committee Report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) An assurance was given to expedite consideration of Athreya Committee Report. The recommendations of the Committee have since been considered by the Government and they stand disposed in the light of the new telecom policy.

Deduction of salary for strike period in the Department of Posts

7481. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIR-UMBI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts has deducted the salary for strike period i.e. from the 7th to 10th December, 1993; and

(b) if so, whether Government would revoke its earlier instructions and pay the amount deducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal to regulate the strike period by grant of leave due and admissible to postal departmental emplo-yees is under consideration of the Government.

Malfunctionrng of Delhi Telephones

7482. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTTNAN: Will the minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in the Hindustan Times dated the 27th May, 1994 regarding malfunctioning <* Delhi telephones;

(b) if so, whether Government Have tried to find out the reason for chance in the functioning of telephones and the offices of Mahanager Telephone Nigam Limited in Delhi;